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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 16 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5	2 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11 and A/49/897))

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations Common System ((A/50/30 and Corr.1, A/C.5/50/5, A/C.5/50/11, A/C.5/50/23, A/C.5/50/24 and Corr.1 and A/C.5/50/29))

International Year for the Eradication of Poverty

The International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) will be launched on Monday, 18 December 1995, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, at a special event chaired by the President of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General will deliver an address on this occasion.

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 20 December 1995, at 10.30 a.m. to consider the issue of the consultations between the Security Council and the troop-contributing countries.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

5 p.m.- 11 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/50/6 (Vols.I and II), A/50/7 and A/50/16))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance to Afghanistan (UNOCHA)
2. International Commission of Inquiry in Burundi
3. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
4. United Nations Institute for disarmament research (UNIDIR)
5. Financing of UNAMIR

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Saturday, 16 December 1995

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters: agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997))

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Sunday, 17 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
Afternoon*- 11 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

FIFTH COMMITTEE

2 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3

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* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Monday, 18 December 1995

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Cyprus (S/1995/1020)

Croatia (S/1995/1028*)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 748 (1992) CONCERNING THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

3 p.m.	63rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

10 a.m. 94th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: [17]:

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/774);

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/775);

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/776);

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/777);

   (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/778).

2. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [50].

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [30]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/564);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.62);

   (c) Draft decision (A/50/L.63).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

FIFTH COMMITTEE

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting*	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1996*

* All members of the Programme and other interested delegations are invited.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Inter-sessional consultation

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting*	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Third inter-sessional consultation on the draft UNICEF Mission Statement

* All delegations are invited.

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Monday, 18 December 1995

GROUP OF 77
(on draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to Rwanda)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

3 p.m. **95th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

1. **Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the President of the General Assembly (A/50/817) [17 (g)].**

2. **Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (d) and 54]:**

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/737);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.60).

3. **Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions; the situation in Burundi [20 (b) and 26]:**

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/541 and Add.1);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/50/L.58, A/50/L.59).

4. **Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:**

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/50/286, A/50/292, A/50/447, A/50/763);

      (ii) Draft resolutions (A/50/L.41/Rev.1, A/50/L.54, A/50/L.56/Rev.1).

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/418);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/50/L.26/Rev.1).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) will conduct informal consultations on draft proposals submitted under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (A/50/L.43, L.58, L.64) on Tuesday, 19 December 1995, at 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

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REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

(Geneva, 15 to 19 January and 22 April to 3 May 1996)

The States Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) decided by consensus at the 8th meeting of the Review Conference, held on 13 October 1995, that the Conference will continue its work at resumed sessions to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, from 15 to 19 January 1996 and from 22 April to 3 May 1996.

Participants and observers

All States are invited to participate in the resumed sessions of the Conference. The representatives of organizations which have been granted observer status in the United Nations; of United Nations organs; of specialized or other related agencies and of other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference may participate as observers in the deliberations of the Conference and its subsidiary organs. Non-governmental organizations may designate representatives to attend public meetings of the Conference and its Main Committees.

Credentials

Credentials of representatives of States which have not yet been submitted should be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Sohrab Kheradi (Room S-3170-A, United Nations, New York).

Documents

The agenda and the rules of procedure of the Conference are contained in the final report of the CCW Group of Experts (CCW/CONF.I/1). The interim report on the work of the Review Conference is contained in document CCW/CONF.I/8/Rev.1. The "President's Text" of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) is contained in document CCW/CONF.I/WP.4.

First resumed session

The 15-19 January session of the Review Conference will concentrate on issues pertaining to articles 2 to 6 of Protocol II and on its Technical Annex.

Registration procedures

Registration of participants and observers to the Conference will take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Participants or observers wishing to receive additional information are kindly requested to contact the Centre for Disarmament Affairs (Ms. Cheryl Stoute; tel: (212) 963-6033; fax: (212) 963-1121).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population

The first regular session 1996 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 15 to 19 January 1996 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1996/L.1.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but *no later than 5 January 1996.*

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United Nations Children's Fund

An informal pre-session briefing on major issues before the Executive Board of UNICEF at its first regular session (22-26 January 1996) will take place on Friday, 12 January 1995, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All delegations are invited.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 6 December 1995, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing by the President of the Security Council on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council every Wednesday and Friday at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Secretariat has established a Help Desk to handle any technical problems which might arise in the use, by Member States, of any of the United Nations database access facilities. The number of the Help Desk for Permanent and Observer Missions is 963-6177.

Further, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/61, which addresses the need to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, the Officer-in-Charge of the Electronic Services Division, Mr. William D. Schieber, has been designated as the focal point for the implementation of this resolution. He can be contacted at 963-6445, and will respond to any queries from Permanent and Observer Missions which relate to electronic access to United Nations databases.

Full information on the types of database services provided by the United Nations will be communicated to all Permanent and Observer Missions at the beginning of 1996.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 55th meeting

Human rights questions [112]

Introduction of draft resolutions

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.62/Rev.1

The representative of Spain introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Cape Verde, the Czech Republic, Malta, Mauritius, New Zealand, Suriname and Ukraine.

Subsequently, Argentina, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Panama, the Republic of Korea, the Solomon Islands and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.67

The representative of Canada introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Cameroon, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and Tunisia.

Subsequently, Belgium, Cambodia, the Congo, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [107]

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.21/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.26/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines and Germany.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.27

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out agreed revisions to the draft resolution.

Belgium, the Marshall Islands, Pakistan and Portugal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which was adopted by the Committee, as orally revised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of documents A/50/346, A/50/378, A/50/398 and A/50/538.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 107.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [165]

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of the revisions made to the draft resolution.

The draft resolution was then adopted, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.64 and programme budget implications (document A/C.3/50/L.68)

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/50/L.68.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document A/50/744.

Human rights questions [112]

Action on draft resolutions

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.32

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Afghanistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement and requested a vote on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union) and Chile.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 78 to 56, with 19 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and Rwanda.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.34

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Afghanistan, Cameroon and Yemen joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution, which was adopted by the Committee, as orally revised.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.36**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a revision to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 75 to 4, with 74 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Venezuela, Mexico and South Africa.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of the revisions made to the draft resolution.

Azerbaijan, the Cameroon and the Congo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Canada, El Salvador, Monaco, Paraguay and the Solomon Islands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of the revisions made to the draft resolution.

The Congo, Malta, Norway, the Russian Federation and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 143 to none, with 14 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria and Qatar.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 74 to 26, with 49 abstentions.

56th meeting

Human rights questions [112]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.47/Rev.1

The representative of Canada introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Ireland, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and Spain.

Action on draft resolutions

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [165]

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.64 and programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/50/L.68

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 165.

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.51/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Georgia, Greece, Israel, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain and the United Kingdom joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Canada orally revised the title and the text of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.61/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Rwanda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Turkey orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union) and Chile.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Pakistan, Norway and the Russian Federation.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.44

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of revisions made to the draft resolution.

The representative of Spain further orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of Iraq made a statement and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 104 to 4, with 49 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.45

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of a revision made to the draft resolution.

Azerbaijan, Burundi, Cambodia, the Gambia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a recorded vote on the sixth preambular paragraph, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 133 to 1, with 11 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.54

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of a revision made to the draft resolution.

The representative of Norway further orally revised the draft resolution.

Albania, Angola, Burundi, Cambodia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Ireland, Liberia, Malta, Monaco, Nicaragua, the Republic of Ko-

rea, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Sierra Leone and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.58

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Austria, Liechtenstein and Portugal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of the Sudan, the Committee voted on operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 83 to 14, with 44 abstentions.

Following a statement by the representative of the Sudan, the Committee voted on operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 86 to 16, with 40 abstentions.

Following a statement by the representative of the Sudan, the Committee voted on operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 87 to 15, with 40 abstentions.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The representatives of the Sudan, Iraq and Qatar made statements.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole by a recorded vote of 93 to 15, with 47 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala and the Russian Federation.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba (who requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution), Zambia and the Gambia.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 62 to 23, with 73 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Brazil, Burundi, the Russian Federation and Iraq.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.66

The representative of Iraq made a statement.

Thursday, 14 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 57th meeting

Human rights questions [112]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.66

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Mali, Malawi, Peru, Slovakia and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Spain orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of the Gambia proposed amendments to the fourth, fifth and sixth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, the United States and the Gambia.

A procedural discussion followed, in which statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Egypt, Algeria, Pakistan and Ireland, as well as by the Chairman.

Following statements by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Gambia and Burundi, the Committee voted on the proposed amendment to the fifth preambular paragraph, which was rejected by a recorded vote of 18 to 85, with 33 abstentions.

Following statements by the representatives of Spain, the United Kingdom and Burundi, the Committee then voted on the proposed amendments to the fourth and sixth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraph 1, which were rejected by a recorded vote of 10 to 90, with 35 abstentions.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement and moved for a vote on operative paragraphs 1, 5 and 6, as well as on the draft resolution as a whole.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements on the motion were made by the representatives of Ireland, Spain, the Gambia, Canada and the Niger.

The Committee rejected the motion by a recorded vote of 32 to 80, with 30 abstentions.

Following statements by the representatives of Burundi, Singapore, Algeria, Rwanda, Mexico and Papua New Guinea, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 98 to 12, with 42 abstentions.

58th meeting

Human rights questions [112]

Action on draft resolutions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.47/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of the revisions made to the draft resolution.

The United Kingdom and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a).

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.62/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of revisions made to the draft resolution.

Australia, India, Jordan, Kenya and the Philippines joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.66

Statements after the adoption of the draft resolution, as orally revised, were made by the representatives of Myanmar, Colombia, Cuba and Mongolia.

Statements were also made by the representatives of South Africa and the Sudan.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee was also informed that Saudi Arabia was an original sponsor of the draft resolution and that South Africa was not a sponsor.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of the revisions made to the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States further orally revised the draft resolution.

Austria, Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Monaco, Poland, San Marino and the United Kingdom joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of Greece and the Russian Federation, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 124 to one, with 18 abstentions.

The representative of Croatia made a statement.

Subsequently, the representative of Morocco made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.67

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee advised the Committee of the revisions made to the draft resolution.

The United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of documents A/50/329, A/50/469, A/50/495, A/50/512, A/50/662, A/50/685 and A/50/736.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began consideration of the item.

Document A/C.3/50/L.69

The representative of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development introduced and orally revised the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1996-1997, contained in document L.69.

Statements were made by, and amendments proposed to, the document by the representatives of Mongolia, Ecuador, Cuba, Spain, Costa Rica, Brazil, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Colombia, Japan, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Sweden, the Dominican Republic, India and the Russian Federation.

The representative of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development responded to points raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly include, in its provisional agenda for future sessions, a sub-item on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights under the item "Human rights questions".

The Committee then adopted its draft biennial programme of work for 1996-1997 as contained in document A/C.3/50/L.69, as orally revised and amended.

Also on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/50/3).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.20/Rev.1

The representative of Ukraine made a statement, to which the Chairman responded.

The representative of Ireland made a statement.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the African States), China (on behalf of the Asian States), Armenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and New Zealand (on behalf of the Western European and Other States).

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [149]

The Committee resumed its debate on this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Russian Federation and Egypt.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on this item.

Human Resources Management [159]

The Committee began its consideration of this item.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Administration and Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on the reform of the internal system of justice in the United Nations Secretariat.

The Chairman of the Advisory introduced the related report of that Committee.

The Director of Personnel for the Office of Human Resources Management introduced the other reports under this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to defer consideration of this item to the resumed session in the Spring of 1996, pending consideration of the legal implications of the proposal of the Secretary-General regarding the reform of the internal system of justice by the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar, Japan, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and Belgium.

The representative of the United States spoke on a point of clarification.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

The President of the Staff Committee made a statement.

Admission of the World Tourism Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund [166]

The Committee began its consideration of this item.

The Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund made a statement and introduced this item.

The Chairman proposed an oral decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision as proposed by the Chairman.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

Revised estimates: Commission on Inquiry of Rwanda

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Advisory introduced the related report of that Committee.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of the United Kingdom spoke on a point of clarification.

The Controller responded to the question posed.

(a) Revised estimates on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the related report of that Committee.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

(b) Revised estimates on the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Norway, Spain, Mexico and Colombia.

(c) Funding of regional institutes from the regular budget of the United Nations

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Uganda, the Congo, Egypt and Cuba.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Friday, 15 December 1995

SECURITY COUNCIL

3607th meeting

The situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1026 (1995) (S/1995/1031)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Egypt, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited Mr. Vladislav Jovanovic, at his request, to address the Council in the course of the discussion of the item before it.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1995/1033, which had been submitted by Argentina, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Vladislav Jovanovic.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1995/1033).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Germany, Argentina, Oman, China, Rwanda, Nigeria, Indonesia, Botswana and Honduras.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1995/1033) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1031 (1995).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, Italy and the Czech Republic, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Council then continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Canada, Ukraine, Norway, Spain (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania and Slovenia), Egypt, Japan, Malaysia and Turkey.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

93rd plenary meeting

Normalization of the situation concerning South Africa [164]:

(a) Letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/50/815);

(b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.44/Rev.1)

The representative of Algeria made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/50/L.44/Rev.1.

The representative of Mexico made a statement on a point of order.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Namibia, Japan, Norway, Swaziland, Kenya and South Africa.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Mexico and Brazil.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/50/L.44/Rev.1 (resolution 50/83).

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Poland.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 164.

Question of Palestine [42]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/50/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/725-S/1995/930);

(c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/50/404/Add.2)

(d) Draft resolutions (A/50/L.47, A/50/L.48, A/50/L.49, A/50/L.50)

The Acting Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/50/L.47, A/50/L.48, A/50/L.49, A/50/L.50.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Israel and Swaziland.

By 95 votes to 2, with 52 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/50/L.47 (resolution 50/84A).

By 96 votes to 2, with 53 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/50/L.48 (resolution 50/84B).

By 142 votes to 2, with 7 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/50/L.49 (resolution 50/84C).

By 143 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/50/L.50 (resolution 50/84D).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Ecuador.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 42.

International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/535);

(b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.18/Rev.1)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/50/L.18/Rev.1 (resolution 50/85).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 33.

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [38]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/548);

(b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.53)

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which he orally revised draft resolution A/50/L.53.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/50/L.53 as orally revised (resolution 50/86).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 38.

Postponement of date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess of the fiftieth session until Friday, 22 December 1995.

Programme of work

Members were informed that, in connection with agenda item 35 (Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte), scheduled for consideration on Monday, 18 December, a request had been submitted to defer consideration of the item to a later date.

Member were also informed that the reports of the Second Committee would be considered on Wednesday, 20 December 1995, in the morning.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS
Resumed thirty-eighth session
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Explanatory statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the Deputy Executive Director and Director of the Division for Treaty Implementation and Support Services and the Deputy Executive Director and Director of Division for Operational Activities and Technical Services.

Administrative and budgetary matters [8]

The Commission continued its consideration of item 8 and heard statements by the representatives of Uruguay and Japan, as well as by the observer for Norway.

The Commission began consideration of the draft resolution contained in documents: E/CN.7/1995/L.24/Rev.1, and Add.1 and Corr.1, which was introduced by the representative of Japan.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution as orally amended by consensus.

Consideration of the draft report

The Commission then began its consideration of its draft report contained in documents E/CN.7/1995/L.1/Add.12-14. The report was adopted by consensus as orally amended.

Closure of the session

The Executive Director and the Chairman made closing remarks.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 18 December 1979

Ratification: South Africa (15 December 1995)*

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, concluded at New York on 9 May 1992

Ratification: Guatemala (15 December 1995)*

Convention on Biological Diversity, opened for signature at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992

Ratification: Latvia (14 December 1995)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Forum

The United Nations University will hold a high-level Public Forum on "The United Nations System in the 21st Century" on Monday, 18 December 1995, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panel discussion will be opened by the President of the General Assembly. All interested delegations, members of the press, non-governmental representatives and Secretariat staff are invited.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Ali Mohamed Osman Yassin

Asian States:
China
H.E. Mr. Wang Xuexian

Eastern European States:
Armenia
H.E. Mr. Alexander Arzoumanian

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mr. Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim

Western European and Other States:
New Zealand
H.E. Mr. Colin Keating

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